

BEN ON HIS METTLE

He Sends an Ultimatum to Great Britain

ON THE MOOTED SEAL QUESTION

The Military to be Called Out to Maintain Our Rights in Behring Sea if Necessary.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—President Harrison has called Lord Salisbury's bluff in a vigorous note in which he declares that the United States will protect its rights in Behring Sea even if it is necessary to call the military forces into requisition. This sounds pretty warlike, and the British premier will doubtless consider it so, but the president feels that the matter has reached the bounds of diplomatic action, and that strong Anglo-Saxon action is needed to show the position of the United States and call a halt to tory jingoism.

The president's reply is practically an ultimatum to the British government that unless Great Britain agrees to some arrangement, pending arbitration, by which the interests of the United States in Behring Sea can be protected, the United States government will take measures to protect them, even if it is necessary to go to war to do so.

The whole correspondence was transmitted to the senate in executive session today under pledges of the strictest secrecy, and it will not be made public until that body so orders.

CANADIAN PACIFIC STRIKE.

The General Superintendent Says it is Settled—Reports Conflicting.

REDFORD, N. Y., March 23.—E. P. Allen, local agent of the Canadian Pacific railway, received the following dispatch this evening from General Superintendent Tait: "Strike settled; resume business as usual."

Montreal, March 23.—Mr. Shaughnessy, vice president of the Canadian Pacific, today in speaking of the strike said: "The position is unchanged from that of yesterday." Late in the afternoon a rumor gained currency that the strike was at an end, but the verification could not be obtained and up to 10 o'clock tonight the words of Shaughnessy held good so far as developments here were concerned.

Delegates Wilkins and Morris tonight said that the strike was not settled but that negotiations were now on foot which would probably end satisfactorily.

The Atlantic divisions are still at work in spite of the almost positive predictions that they would strike at midnight. They may be ordered out in the morning. It is generally believed the signal has already been sent along the line as far as Montreal if not to Halifax, and that the men will go out before morning.

REWARDED AT LAST.

After Many Months the Bodies of Dead Miners Are Found.

PITTSBURG, March 23.—After twenty-one months of ceaseless searching, the rescuing party at 4:30 this afternoon found the first body of the thirty-one miners locked in by fire and falling coal in the Hill Farm mine explosion. Twenty-three bodies were found today in flat No. 9, lying close together near the entrance. Only one was identified, that of little John Devaney, aged 17. The bodies are in a pretty fair state of preservation. The remaining eight will likely be recovered tomorrow.

"PRETTY POLLY" IN COURT.

Novel Suit Over the Identity of a Parrot. A Profane Bird.

CHICAGO, March 23.—A novel, yet ridiculous case was heard by Justice C. S. White yesterday afternoon. On September 14 of last year a Panama parrot escaped from Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Winter of No. 612 Washington boulevard. The bird had long been in the family, and its loss was mourned as that of an old friend.

Four days after Mr. Winter's parrot made a prodigal of himself Miss Belle Benner of Rogers Park, captured a "pretty Polly" that had been seen in the neighborhood for some time by throwing a blanket over the bird's head. For several days the parrot remained silent and morose, but its first utterance astonished its auditors. "It" were the words that were used and seemed to be said in a manner suggestive of the bird's feelings.

Mr. Winter placed an advertisement in a Sunday paper offering a reward for the return of his parrot. The advertisement was seen by the Benners and was answered. Mr. and Mrs. Winter made a trip to Rogers Park and claimed that they had identified the talker as theirs from the words "Larieta" and "pretty boy," which they had taught the parrot to speak, and also from his peculiar white tongue. But the Benners refused to give up their newly acquired friend and the case was submitted to Justice White, who gave a judgment of \$25, the estimated value of the parrot, in favor of Mr. Winter. This did not involve possession of the parrot, however, and it is expected it will live to consume many a cracker in the Benner family.

SWITCHMEN ON A STRIKE.

Trouble is Imminent in the Railroad Yards at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 23.—The switchmen in the Memphis & Charleston yard struck today because Superintendent Ingram refused to reinstate two men discharged without cause by the yard master. At a late hour the trouble had not been settled. The strike may become general, involving the nine yards of the city.

BISMARCK'S ILLNESS SERIOUS.

He is Still Very Weak and Far From Being Convalescent.

BERLIN, March 23.—It has transpired that the sudden illness of Prince Bismarck on Monday was much more serious than first reported. It appears that he was suddenly stricken with alarming symptoms of collapse. He had several fainting fits and for a time it was feared that the results would be serious. Prompt medical attention enabled the prince to rally, but he is

still very weak and far from convalescent. It is worthy of note as bearing on the suggestion in some quarters that Bismarck might be called to the helm of affairs again, that among the numerous telegrams of inquiry received at Friederichsruhe, where Bismarck's illness became known, there was none from the kaiser, although there is not the slightest doubt that the kaiser was promptly informed of the ex-chancellor's condition. In view of Bismarck's illness, as indicating an uncertainty that he may survive until another birthday, the preparations for the celebration of his seventy-seventh birthday are everywhere being redoubled, and April 1 will be memorable in the history of Germany.

RECOGNIZED BY BYRNES.

A Man Who Tried to Steal \$10,000 in London Identified as a Crook.

NEW YORK, March 22.—A man was arrested in London on March 9 for attempting to steal a box containing \$10,000 from the London and Westminster bank. He gave his name as John Hart and said he was an American. From a description sent to Inspector Byrnes, he recognized the prisoner as a notorious shop-lifter and sneak thief, whose picture is in the rogues' gallery. His real name is Joseph McDonald, and he was born in London. Under different aliases McDonald has been arrested several times, both in this country and abroad, and has served several terms in prison. Inspector Byrnes says he is the brother of a celebrated variety actor in this city.

DAMAGES FOR A DIVORCE.

W. E. Steers of Chicago Looking Up Evidence to Base His Suit Upon.

DENVER, Col., March 23.—W. E. Steers of Chicago is in the city looking up evidence against his wife. He claims that she deserted him on February 28, 1891, and that later she turned up in Chicago and obtained a divorce from her husband on the grounds of desertion. After this she was married to Rollin Abel of Denver. The couple are now living in Chicago. Mr. Steers has a suit for \$25,000 damages against Abel in Chicago. The latter lost his wife and child some time before Mrs. Steers' divorce. In a cloudburst in Clear Creek canon, F. Van Norman, Mr. Steers' attorney, says that Abel, as a notary public, took the evidence for Mrs. Steers' divorce suit, and they were married the day after the decree was granted. Besides suing for damages, Steers is seeking to have the decree set aside.

Sunday Closing of the Fair.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Some of the Sunday-closing champions had an inning before the senate quadricentennial committee today. Colquhoun's bill to prohibit the opening of any exposition for which money has been contributed on Sunday was the principal cause of the meeting. Seven members of the committee were present, and after listening to Dr. H. H. George of Pittsburg, representing the American Sabbath union, Dr. T. P. Stevenson of the National Reform association of Philadelphia, and L. S. Coffin of Fort Dodge, Iowa, representing the railroad employees opposed to Sunday opening, a resolution was adopted claiming jurisdiction of all appropriations made by the senate for the Columbian exposition, and the committee adjourned to next week.

"Standard Oil Company."

NEW YORK, March 23.—The Standard Oil company of New Jersey, which was organized in 1882 with a capital stock of \$3,000,000, has filed a certificate with the secretary of state at Trenton changing its name to "The Standard Oil company." It drops the words making it a local company. Another certificate was filed by the new company signed by Paul Babcock, the president, increasing the capital stock to \$10,000,000. This is an increase of \$7,000,000, which is divided into 70,000 shares at \$100 per share. The certificate says that this increase was determined by the board of directors at a meeting held March 4, 1892, and that two-thirds of the stockholders had given their assent.

Mutilated Their Victims.

BRAZORIA, Tex., March 23.—All the lower coast country is stirred up over the finding of the bodies of three persons horribly mutilated and each of them bearing marks of foul play. The bodies were found in the Bernard river. Two of them were men and one a boy aged about sixteen. On the body of each one was found a letter addressed to H. Gray. The party was seen about ten days ago, accompanied by two Mexicans, who acted as guides, prospecting overland. It is thought the prospectors were murdered by the guides. Men are searching for the suspects and it will go hard with them if found.

Victory For McEnery.

NEW ORLEANS, March 23.—Returns from yesterday's primaries are coming in very slowly from the country, but reports received thus far indicate the election of S. D. McEnery by between 7000 and 8000 majority in the state. The city of New Orleans gave McEnery a majority of 11,500, about the same as at the previous election. Foster will come to the city with a majority ranging from 3000 to 4000. A. W. Grandall, chairman of the regular state central committee, estimates McEnery's majority in the state at 8000. The vote in city and state was heavy. The election was quiet.

Grain Failure at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, March 23.—E. C. Buchanan & Co., grain dealers and brokers, made an assignment this morning. The assets are \$81,000. The firm are the principal stockholders in the Empire Grain and Elevator company of this city.

Grip Causes a Murder.

LIMA, Ohio, March 23.—John Rothenbeck, while in a fit of temporary insanity, caused by grip, killed his wife tonight. He then demolished all the furniture in the house. He also broke the arm of his 7-year-old child.

Suicide at Hot Springs.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 23.—City Attorney Barker of Denver, Va., committed suicide at the Hotel Arlington by shooting himself through the right temple. Dependency over ill health was the cause.

Young Field Committed.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Judge Van Brunt has committed E. W. Field to the Buffalo state hospital. Field will be removed Friday.

RIOT IN THE MINES

Strikers Try to Flood the Levels For Revenge

FOILED BY THE ENGINE MEN

Whom They Will Try to Induce to Join in the General Strike—Danger From the Pumps.

LONDON, March 23.—There was rioting last night at the Hebburn colliery in Durham, owing to the fact that the enginemasters employed refused to join the strikers. A huge crowd of miners gathered about the engine-house and threw stones at the enginemasters, quite severely injuring them. The police were notified of the trouble, and men were sent to escort the enginemasters to their homes. The rioters made no attempt to do further harm until the enginemasters had reached their homes and the police had gone away. Then they again assembled and amused themselves by throwing stones and breaking the windows of the enginemasters' residences. One of the enginemasters who was attacked by the strikers drew a revolver and fired upon the mob, whereupon they fled. The strikers believe that if they can force the enginemasters to join them they will be in a better position to compel the mine owners to grant their demands. The enginemasters attend the mine pumps and if the pumping is stopped the mines will be flooded in a short time. This fact the miners are desirous of taking advantage of in their struggle with their employers, thinking the latter should forego their intention to reduce wages rather than have their mines filled with water.

JUDGE TERRY'S PAMPHLET.

Severe Denunciation of Justice Field and His Presidential Aspirations.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—The pamphlet found in the residence of the late Judge David S. Terry was made public yesterday. Much space is given in the pamphlet to that phase of democratic politics preceding the Stockton convention at which Justice Field's aspirations for the presidential nomination were repudiated by the democracy of this state. Terry quotes names of twenty-two counties that instructed delegates against Field. All other counties ignored Stockton's extra session, which was practically a blow at Justice Field. A letter from John F. Godfrey to Stephen J. Field is also quoted in which the writer used the following language: "You will permit me to say that your acts as judge have been uniformly in the interest of a street railroad and other corporations of this state as far as the knowledge of the people is concerned, and you will also permit me to say that, whether right or wrong, every judicial act of yours for the last ten years has been contrary to the wishes of the people of this state expressed in its political action and legislative enactments on the Chinese question until you posed for the presidency in 1894."

"Now, in conclusion, let me say that circumstances have placed you in high positions. Circumstances placed Tweed, Shepherd, Jeffries, Oates and others in high positions. They all of them acted in the interest of tyranny; they were all corrupt; they were all cowards, and were all infamous. They at least had a sort of virtue—virtue to be what they appeared. But you, sir, have not even this quality."

MILLS WARMLY RECEIVED.

He Receives Congratulations on His Election to the Upper House.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Senator-elect Mills has received innumerable congratulations upon his unanimous election yesterday. Last night fully two-thirds of the members of the house called upon him and extended their congratulations. Of this number many were well known republican representatives. The citizens of the Lone Star state who were in Washington also called upon him to pay their respects. Mr. Mills will take his seat about April 15, having been re-elected by the voters of the house until after he has made a speech upon the tariff bill now pending before that body, which speech he will make at the earliest opportunity after the silver bill discussion has ended. Mr. Mills' position on the silver question is well known. He was opposed to the consideration of the silver question at this time because he thought it would be injurious to the party, but the majority having decided that it should be now discussed, he will vote for the bill, but not take any part in the debate. Among the many telegrams of congratulations received were the following:

Governor Hogg—For once virtue and manhood, worth and merit, statesmanship and patriotism have triumphed.

Lieutenant Governor Pendleton—Texas elects you senator. Move to the other end of the capitol. Accept our congratulations.

Ex-Senator Reagan—Accept our congratulations on your election as senator.

Charles H. Jones, editor Republic, St. Louis—Senator Mills will please accept my cordial congratulations. The reactionists have received their first setback.

Rich Gold Strike.

FREMONT, Colo., March 23.—A lucky strike of gold was made here Monday by six young men making up the Rosette Mining company. The company's property is located at Beaver Park, and the strike was made in a sixty-foot shaft, which was sunk through the solid rock with no encouragement. The samples of rock brought in show nuggets of almost solid gold as large as the end of a lead pencil, while the whole rock is covered with flakes and wires of the same metal. The samples assayed \$90,000 to the ton.

Fell From a Scaffold.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Frederick Merette, Samuel Manchester and an unknown man, painters, were thrown from a scaffold to the sidewalk today. Merette was seriously injured, the fall being broken by a showman. The other two had their skulls fractured and will die.

Assets in the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Secretary Foster said today, in discussing the

condition of the treasury, that there was nearly always \$24,000,000 in disbursing officers' hands, and that was practically current funds, for, while the treasurer's receipts might show only a net balance of \$30,000,000, the subsidiary silver and money in national banks actually took the place of money in the hands of disbursing officers, leaving at all times \$31,000,000 in available funds over and above the \$100,000,000 gold reserves. Counting the \$23,000,000 in subsidiary silver and the government money in national banks, the total available assets, exclusive of the \$100,000,000 gold reserve, would be \$54,000,000, rather a comfortable sum for a rainy day.

BORROWED AND DRAYTON.

They Arrive on the Majestic—Drayton Will Explain.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The Majestic loomed up off quarantine at 3:15. Quite an exciting scramble ensued among the reporters to get aboard. The vessel came to anchor and the waiting crowd was soon aboard, causing some consternation among the officers and crew until the matter was hastily explained. J. Coleman Drayton was standing outside his berth on the starboard side. Uphur, a close friend of his, rushed up, put a bundle of newspaper clipping in his hands, shoved him into the stateroom where the door was guarded. Hallett Barrow was found in the smoking room with Milbank, the famous duelist. He said he had met Drayton once in the smoking room, but he had not spoken to each other. Milbank said the stories of cowardice of Barrow were untrue. Uphur stated that Drayton, after consultation with friends, will decide what course to take and make an answer to the stories through the press.

Owen Scott Not a Candidate.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Representative Owen Scott of Bloomington, when asked today if there was any truth in reports about his aspirations for the governorship of Illinois, replied: "I have just returned from a visit home, and my opinion is that Judge Algie of Chicago, has pretty nearly a cinch for the gubernatorial nomination. He is a man of fine character and ability, and in every way an available candidate. I had many kind expressions from friends who wanted me to enter the field, but I have no intention of contesting for the nomination."

Canadian Pacific Strike.

NORTH BAY, Ont., March 23.—The first of a series of colonist trains, which left Toronto last night bound for the northwest territories, passed through here this morning en route for Winnipeg. It is feared, however, that it will not be able to proceed beyond Chapleau. Great excitement is reported from that place. The men are said to be desperate and ready to do anything. The special police from Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto have arrived here and so far all at this point is quiet.

Will be No Scale Agreement.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 23.—The revival of the inter-state conference and scale agreement between the coal operators and miners of Pennsylvania and Ohio, which the officials of the United Mine Workers earnestly hoped would result from their efforts, will not take place. There will be no inter-state conference and no inter-state agreement this year. So much has been settled and the future is so full of doubt that nothing can be foretold, although the hope is expressed by individual operators in this district that the system will be brought back by next year.

Fog Overspreads New York.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The river and bay were covered this afternoon with thick fog, rendering navigation exceedingly dangerous. Notwithstanding the pilots ran their vessels at greatly reduced speed, with much care, two collisions occurred, in which several vessels were engaged and badly damaged, but no person, fortunately, was killed.

Will Favor Harrison.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., March 23.—The state republican convention assembled here this afternoon and was called to order by A. E. Clough of Madison. The chairman of the republican state committee, the delegation to Minneapolis will be solid for the renomination of President Harrison, with no second choice.

Laughing Heartily.

SAGINAW, Mich., March 23.—Tuesday evening Henry Letorneau was sitting on a table in a saloon laughing heartily. Suddenly he fell from the table striking on his neck and shoulders and injuring his spine so badly as to paralyze the lower part of his body. He died last evening, aged 50.

The Pulley Burst.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., March 23.—James Cairnes, working in Smith & Pomeroy's windmill factory here, was struck on the head this morning by a fragment of a broken pulley and it is thought his skull is fractured. The wound is a dangerous one, as his face is also badly lacerated.

SHORT SPECIALS

Mrs. Nancy Coyle, 34 years old, hanged herself at Georgetown, Ky., while deranged through recent illness.

Weed & Clark, hardware dealers of New Haven, Conn., made an assignment Tuesday. Assets, \$16,000; liabilities, \$21,000.

Prof. John Williams White, of Harvard college, has decided not to accept the professorship in Chicago university offered to him.

A woman named McDonald was killed by four dogs that were fighting and that she tried to separate at Ballynabinn, Ireland, Tuesday.

R. P. Nelson, of Minneapolis, was elected president of the Mississippi Valley Lumber Manufacturers' association at Minneapolis Tuesday.

Mrs. Andrew Reid, Jr., discovered a painting by Jean Baptiste Greuze in a second-hand store in Baltimore which she bought for \$30. The painting is worth thousands of dollars.

Mrs. Benjamin Rodgers was arrested and lodged in jail at Pittsfield, Ill., Monday night for the murder of her husband, who died under suspicious circumstances last November.

Joseph Simcox, of Portsmouth, O., was fatally burned Tuesday in trying to save the life of his wife, who had tried to kindle a fire with kerosene. His wife was only slightly burned.

ALL BY ITS LONELY

The Farmers' Alliance is Out of Politics

IT FAVORS THE PEOPLE'S PARTY

But the Members are at Liberty to Follow Their Own Preferences—Other Hotel News.

Among the guests at the Eagle yesterday was Arthur E. Cole of Fowler, president of the Michigan farmers' alliance. In speaking of the alliance he said: "Politically, the alliance is doing nothing. It will abide by the action of the people's party and vote with it. The society is now reorganized among the staunch farmer organizations of the state. A new feature has been added in the way of life insurance on the assessment plan, similar to the Royal Arcanum, Macabees and kindred societies. In our meetings all sides of questions are discussed. Our members vote as they believe. The farmers' alliance at the present time swears by no prescribed principles. When it finds what it wants it will stand solid. As yet that has not been presented which will relieve its members entirely. There is no political qualification necessary to become a member. That day has passed."

Another Alliance Man.

John C. Blanchard of Iowa, well known in connection with the people's party in which he is an earnest worker, was a guest at Sweet's hotel yesterday. "In a political way things promise to be very lively," he said. "There is going to be a turning over in this state, and I should not be surprised to hear something drop. The people's party will pull heavily from the democratic ranks. As between Cleveland and Hill, the first is certainly the best choice for the democrats. His policy is well known. Hill is regarded as a crackster. Cleveland's reputation is clean compared with Hill's. It is my opinion that the people's party will place a candidate in the field for the presidency. It will be the party's chance to show its strength, and I think a good showing will be made."

General Church in Town.

General Nathan Church, one of the wealthiest men in Alma, registered at the New Livingston last night. Mr. Church lives in Alma, but his business is scattered. He controls a bank at Ithaca, deals in land and owns a large share of the town. In Alma his beautiful home stands on the Sanitarium grounds and is admired by the hundreds who, through sickness, visit the famous hospital. He will remain in the city several days.

Caught in the Lobby.

E. R. Agnew of Mt. Clemens, is a guest at the Morton. Mr. Agnew is proprietor of the famous Avery House at that place. He contemplates the erection of a new hotel with 160 rooms, and in the city looking up new designs in furniture. His lease of the Avery house expires in two years.

Frank Hamilton, a prominent business man of Traverse City, registered at the New Livingston last night.

The Rev. J. H. Sammis of Grand Haven, stopped at the New Livingston yesterday. He is pastor of the Presbyterian church at Grand Haven. The society is about to remodel its church and he is in the city for the purpose of purchasing fixtures, such as seats, etc.

Michigan Men at the Hotel.

Morton House—F. J. Toote, Detroit; Philip L. Colgrove, Hastings; J. E. Kirk, Muskegon; E. B. Coolege, Detroit; Willis M. Sloren, Reed City; Dr. H. Lerner, Newaygo; W. C. Griswold, Lowell; Alexander Dunton, Howard City; M. B. Divine, Greenville; N. Church, Alma; R. Quirk, Lowell; W. H. Jewett, Ypsilanti; Daniel C. Dake, Manistee; Davis Olney and wife, Ludington; H. F. Cornell, Kalamazoo; L. Lande, Manistee; J. H. Russell, Jr., Jackson; J. E. Whitehead and wife, Ionia; Mr. C. McGrath, Newaygo; Samuel H. Rowe, Lansing; H. Brown, Big Rapids.

Sweet's Hotel—A. W. Clubb, Detroit;

Henry F. Frey, Kalamazoo; J. H. Hammond, Detroit; E. K. Burke, Lansing; Wm. W. Jaynes, Ionia; H. E. Oker, Cornhusk; D. E. Knapp, Detroit; Ira E. Pinkham, Howard City; Wm. Brenen, Muskegon; H. J. Gilbert, Saginaw; E. R. Davidson, Detroit; F. L. Frost, East Saginaw; Geo. W. Stone, Lansing; F. J. Henry, Battle Creek; W. E. Bryant, Detroit; F. M. Burton, Detroit.

New Livingston—Mrs. H. B. Boyce, Grand Haven; H. W. Cunningham, Manistee; E. G. Johnson and children, Baldwin; C. J. Fierachian, Reed City; D. T. Pierson, Detroit; James R. Clark, St. Joe; C. B. Warren, Detroit; Mrs. G. B. Parks, Grand Haven; E. C. Stone, Detroit; M. H. Walker, Port Huron; C. C. Hall, Detroit; M. H. Crooks, Kalamazoo; H. D. Miles, Detroit; W. H. Winfield, Detroit; James Blanchard, Detroit; McWillard, Big Rapids.

OWASHTANONG CLUB SOCIAL.

A Proposition on Reorganization Submitted and Referred.

Under Sheriff Walsh threw open the doors of the old Owashatanong club room last evening to accommodate those who wished to hold a meeting for the purpose of considering means for reorganizing the club. About forty members of the collapsed club were present and the Hon. H. F. McCormick was elected chairman and M. M. Houseman was elected secretary. After a promiscuous discussion of the present status of the club's affairs, S. A. Thompson submitted a proposition upon which he would conduct the club's business under a reorganization. By request the proposition was submitted in writing and was to the effect that he would give ample security for the performance of his agreement; that in the event of a new club being organized with a membership of at least 200 who will pay annual dues of \$30 each in quarterly installments in advance, he would pay the running expenses of the club for one year or more, and that he would buy the stock and supplies now on hand. The proposition was received and the following committee of ten was elected, to act as a temporary board of directors and to secure members on that basis: Isaac

M. Turner, M. M. Houseman, At. S. White, Dr. Louis Barth, E. A. Maben, George W. Thompson, J. S. Murray, Dr. B. S. MacLair, W. D. Pugh, and Fred J. Adams. The committee immediately received signatures for membership, and twenty names were placed on the list. On motion of George W. Thompson a committee of three was appointed to ascertain on what terms a settlement can be secured with the creditors of the old organization and to procure figures on furniture and an outfit for the proposed new organization. The following gentlemen were appointed as such committee: George W. Thompson, At. S. White and F. J. Dettenthaler.

The indebtedness of the club is between \$10,000 and \$11,000 and the appraised valuation of the property is \$4000. The proposition for the reorganization of the club includes an invitation fee of \$30, which is to be turned into the club treasury. This amount will be devoted to discharging the old club's indebtedness. If the club is reorganized under the proposition made by Mr. Thompson it will be governed by a board of directors. The progress of the soliciting committee will be reported at a future meeting.

SHIPS OF THE ANCIENTS.

They Were Occasionally as Large as Some of Our Own, But Unmanageable.

Large ships were not unknown to the ancients, and some of the most roomy attained dimensions equal to ships of modern times. Nevertheless, they were unmanageable monstrosities, almost at the mercy of wind and wave, and utterly unfit to cope with the fury of a hurricane. Doubtless, says Chambers' Journal, we are indebted to traveler's tales for the detailed descriptions that survive the lapse of ages. Constantius conveyed from Heliopolis to Rome an obelisk weighing fifteen hundred tons, and, in addition to this long-coveted monolith, the ship carried about twelve hundred tons of pulse stored about the small end of the obelisk, in order to bring the ship on an even keel.

In 208 B. C. Archimedes devised a marvelous ship for Hiero, of Syracuse. Her three lofty masts had been brought from Britain, whereas our ships' masts are of iron, or obtained from New Zealand or from Vancouver's island. Luxuriously-fitted sleeping apartments abounded, and one of her banquetting halls was paved with agate and costly Sicilian stone. Other floors were cunningly inlaid with scenes from the Iliad. Stables for many horses, ponds stocked with live fish, gardens watered by artificial rivulets, and hot baths were provided for use or amusement. Ptolemy Philopator possessed a supertial yacht, the Thalamegon, three hundred and twelve feet long and forty-five feet deep. A graceful gallery, supported by curiously carved columns ran round the vessel, and within were temples of Venus and Bacchus. Her masts were one hundred feet high, her sails and cordage of royal purple hue.

Emperor William's Boys.

A friend in Berlin, who is very much in touch with the imperial family, avouches the young princes, writes the Gentlewoman as follows: Of all the children, the crown prince is by far the most clever, most gifted. He and Prince Adolph are remarkably musical and play quite admirably on the violin, to the delight of their parents. All are the most obedient and merry little souls it is possible to imagine. Of all their teachers, a young theological professor is perhaps the favorite. One day, when he had been talking to the boys of the "golden city," the eldest exclaimed: "How glad I shall be to get there! For won't I throw heaps of gold down to the poor people here!" An anecdote told from the same source of Prince Adolph, the third son, deserves to be repeated. When playing on the seashore he found a little crystal, which he forthwith presented to the wife of one of his father's generals who happened to be standing by. "Thank you, dear little prince," said the lady, "I think it is the prettiest little stone I ever saw." "Oh, then," replied Adolph, "if it is the prettiest you ever saw, let me take it back again, for then I must give it to my mamma!"

A SPOOK ABOARD SHIP.

The Leagues Ghost That Fright